IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
	Sayoko MATSUMOTO et al.) Group Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 10/574,583) Examiner: Kapushoc, Stephen Thomas
Filed:	February 8, 2007	Confirmation No.: 3961
For:	METHOD OF STRETCHING SINGLE-STRANDED NUCLEIC ACID, SINGLE-STRANDED NUCLEIC ACID STRETCHING SYSTEM AND DNA CHIP	

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed December 11, 2008, the period for response to which extends through March 11, 2009, Applicants propose to amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.